



2017 Golden Key Award



Official Nomination Form



The Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Chambers of Commerce, and their partners are pleased to recognize outstanding contributions that promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The award recipients will be recognized for their contributions at an event and awards ceremony.

All nominations must be typed or printed legibly. The Nomination Form, including 500 words or less narrative, and letters of support may be mailed to Golden Key Awards, 1595 West 500 South, SLC, Utah 84104, or returned electronically to leahlobato@utah.gov. Provide complete and accurate information including addresses and phone numbers. **Please call 801-887-9538 if you need assistance filling out this form.**

Nominations Due: July 1, 2017 Event date TBD (typically end of September to October)

Nominee (Employer, Group, Individual) _____	
Address _____	
City _____	Zip Code _____
Phone _____	E-mail _____
Nominator _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____	
Does this person or company know they have been nominated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Award Categories

(Please check)

- ☐ **Employers of the Year** – Outstanding contributions and practices that improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Some of the practices include: efforts made to provide accommodations, training for managers, supervisors, or line staff to ensure effective working relationships, commitment to hire people with disabilities, advancement opportunities within the company, efforts to promote positive awareness among all employees.

Employers of the Year nominees must submit at least one letter of support from a current employee.

(Specify size of company)

- ☐ Small Employers (Less than 50 employees)
☐ Medium Employers (50 – 500 employees)
☐ Large Employers (Over 500 employees)

- ☐ **Ace Award** – Person who actively promotes public and private efforts to achieve equal employment opportunities for all qualified Utahns with disabilities.

(Select one)

- ☐ Business partners ☐ Educator ☐ Counselor ☐ Advocates or citizens
☐ Employee with a disability who has overcome tremendous obstacles.

- ☐ **Freedom Award** – Employers who recruit and hire our newest disabled veterans from recent conflicts.

- ☐ **ASAP Achievement Award** – State agency with the best utilization of the Alternative State Application Program.

Is your business committed to improving employment opportunities for all Utahns? Do you hire based on ability and not disability? If your answer is "yes" then we want to recognize you! The Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and its partners annually recognize outstanding contributions of employers, media, community entities, citizens and business partners that promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities with Golden Key Awards. We are now accepting nominations for these prestigious awards.

How many people did the nominee directly affect? _____

If nominee is a company what is their industry? _____

What city does the nominee do business? _____

What specific efforts were made to hire or help people with disabilities get employment? _____

How did the nominee promote awareness of hiring people with disabilities? _____

If nominee is a person briefly describe the nominee's position and general job responsibilities. _____

How does the disability community benefit? _____

What characteristics do you believe the nominee has to deserve the award? _____

What specifically makes this nominee stand out? _____

Please select the strength that best describes your nominee? _____

What was the main positive impact the nominee had on improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities? _____

What measurable outcomes resulted from the nominee's achievement? _____

Please give an explanation why this individual, employer, or organization should be nominated for this award

Provide examples of how the specific criteria have been met; include scope of accomplishments, on a separate document.

(Please keep your nomination to 500 words or less)

Please attach a separate document.

Please make your nomination **by July 1, 2017** and return this form electronically to leahlobato@utah.gov or mail to:

**Golden Key Awards
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